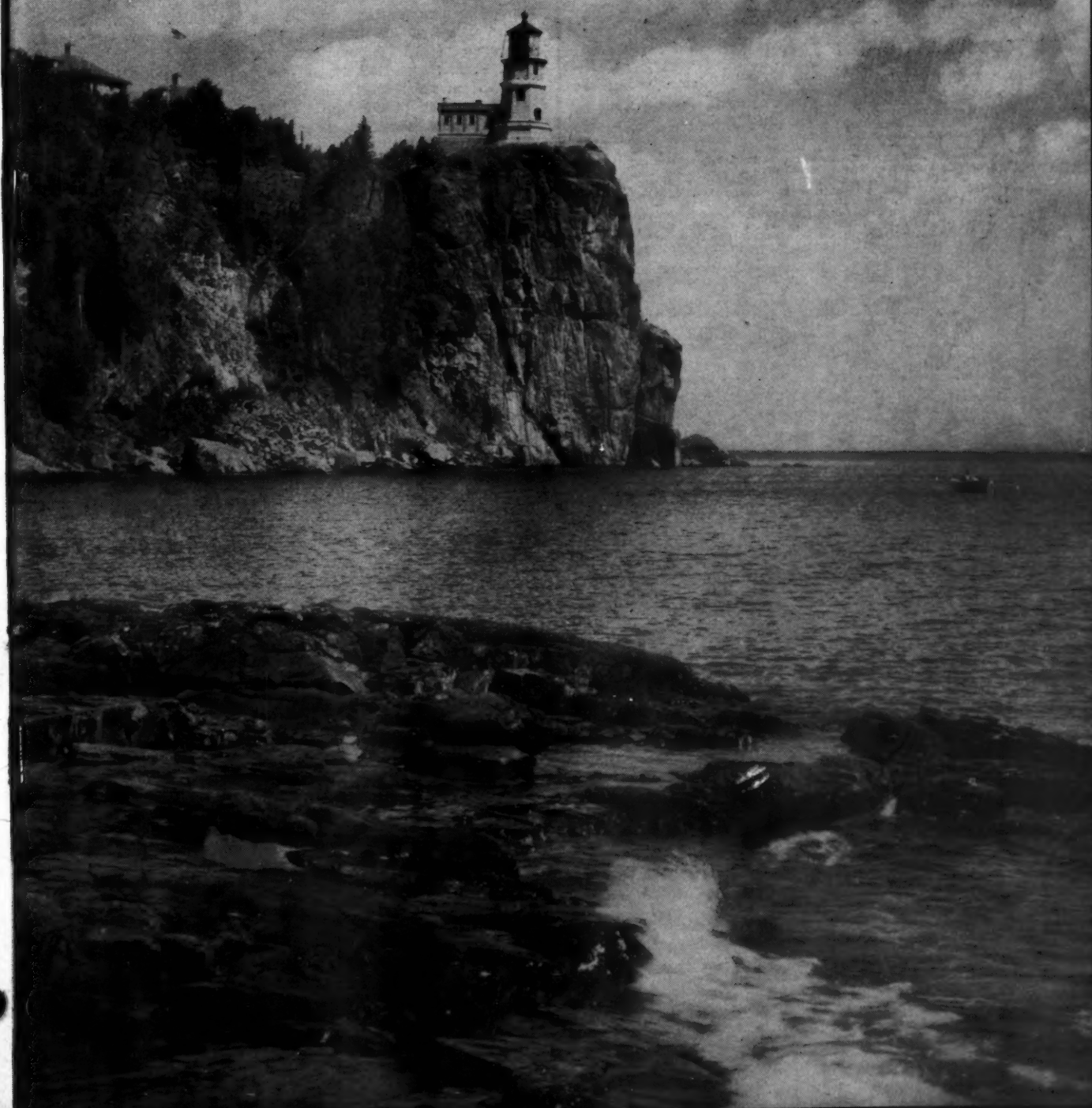


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# My Observations of the 44th General Assembly

BY M. G. McLUHAN

THE 44th General Assembly of the Church of God is now history, and in my estimation it was the greatest of them all. We were conscious of the presence of God in every service from the first to the last. It was preceded by the greatest Ordained Ministers' Council in the history of the Church. The Council was great because of the spirit of unity that prevailed, and because of the far-reaching decisions that were moved and passed upon in the sessions. I was greatly impressed by this spirit of love and Christian enthusiasm, and I feel that it was largely responsible for the success of the General Assembly.

The accommodations were the most pretentious and spacious we have ever had. The beautiful State fairground of Indiana, with its huge coliseum, afforded us plenty of parking space and ample seating capacity for the great host of people who came from all over the nation. The welcome addresses by the mayor, the chief of police, and Rev. C. R. Spain, overseer of Indiana, were outstanding, I thought, as were the response and following addresses of that first evening.

Never has our Church faced two years of service with more competent leaders than those we chose to serve for the ensuing term. They are men of great experience, who have seen the Church of God grow from obscurity to its place of prominence, and their reports that the Church had gained as much in the last few years as it had during the first fifty years of its history gave promise of success in the future.

ONE thing that greatly impressed me during this Assembly was the excellent coverage the press gave of all our activities. Since coming back to the West, I found that for the first time the appointment of our general officials was already known by many people because it had been carried in many leading newspapers across the country. This is due to our publicity committee and the Associated Press with whom the reporter on the job was affiliated. It was a fine job well done, which brought the Church of God into public focus over the entire nation.

Hoosier hospitality is not an empty phrase, as we all had opportunity to experience its reality at the Assembly. The problem of finding accommodations for the great crowd was well taken care of by the entertainment committee that Brother Spain, overseer of Indiana, had organized for the occasion.

One other feature at the Assembly which impressed me was the great youth program and the Bible School and College program. We are doing the right thing when we emphasize our youth. They are the church of tomorrow. The youth march and youth service were among the most impressive services I have ever attended. My heart was greatly moved as I looked into the sea of young faces. I

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# Editorials

Charles W. Cunn

## Marks of a Living Church

CYNICS would have us believe that the Church of God is dead and stagnant. Sceptics would have us believe that it has lost its vitality and gone the way of all earthly organizations. Critics would have us believe that our rapid growth is only proof of inner decay. The disillusioned would have us believe that we have become modernistic and unspiritual. Everywhere we turn we find those who are willing to observe that the Church has become luke-warm and impotent, and that it has lost the dynamics that have been its possession through all years past. Such observations as these are always interesting and constantly demand investigation, but should always be taken with a grain of salt. I have been hearing such reports now for a long, long time, and have learned that they are not always as frightening as they sound.

Introspection or self-examination is always a healthful thing. We cannot blandly disregard these reports and observations when we hear them, but should investigate them and find out whether or not there is any truth in them. As much as possible we should take an objective look at ourselves and see if there is in us that which is worthy of such condemnation. We have grown to be a large company, and we may be sure that on the fringes of our numbers there are a few who are what some people report the whole to be. But what about the heart of the Church? What about the group as a unit? Readily admitting that every individual in the Church is not all that he should be, can we say in truth that the Church itself has become dead or lifeless? Can we say that it has lost its power with God? Can we say that it has lost its vision for the lost? Can we say that it is salt which has lost its savour? I do not think so. I am convinced that the Church of God today is as alive, as vital, as dynamic, and as effective as it has been at any time in the past. We are a vigorous, healthy, growing body according to any objective analysis.

IT IS said that the difference between an organization and an organism is that an organism has life within itself, while an organization does not necessarily have life at all. Even dead things can be organized, but only an organism lives. This being true, the Church of God is infinitely more than an organization—it is a throbbing, living, pulsating organism making its impact on the world today. Our several members are organized, efficiently and harmoniously, but this organization would indeed be useless without the fact of life within.

For a long time now I have observed and studied the Church of God with an objective interest, born of subjective and intense love and loyalty to it. If we would know how vital we are and how strong we are, then there are several acid tests to which we must put ourselves. These criteria, or standards, should help us crystallize our conclusions that would otherwise be nebulous or vague. I find six distinct and separate reasons for believing that the Church of God is today a growing and potent force for God in the world. These six reasons are separate yet inseparable, and for the next six weeks we shall discuss these marks of a living Church.

First among the evidences of vigor and life in the Church of God is the multiplying inflow of new blood, or youth, into our ranks. Second comes the fact that we still settle our differences by free and open debate rather than by suppression and oppression. The third evidence is the increasingly noticeable mental probings of our people, and their capacity for independent thought. A fourth proof that we are a living, growing Church is our determined vigor in evangelism and missions. The fifth evidence is our willingness to change rather than be bound by shackling traditions. The sixth mark is the over-all unity of the group.

Remember that first, last, and always, comes that universal dedication to the cause of Christ and love for Him and His words. I do not name this among the six evidences of life within the Church of God, for it is primary, and it is final. Without it we are nothing, and any other indication of life is naught. Because that fundamental dedication to the cause of Christ is all-embracing, and permeates the whole, we shall include it in our discussion of each of the six evidences of our life.

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NAMED as the first evidence of life within the Church of God is the conspicuous part that our young people play in our affairs. This was never made more evident than at our recent General Assembly in Indianapolis. No one could help but notice the prominent part our young men played on the programs of the Assembly, and in the councils and committees of the Assembly. Their prominence there was but a reflection of their energetic role in all our Church affairs. A church is essentially strong and potentially effective when it can work in double yoke those who are vigorous with youth and wise with age. How ridiculous those men are made to sound who, in times past, have sadly commented that in the Church of God there is no place for youth, when we see now many stalwart young men with flaming vision in the forefront of responsibility and toll.

To point out the prominent place that young men have



in our Church is, in itself, meaningless; but to point out that these men are not men whose youth others can despise, but are wholly dedicated and consecrated to the cause of Christ and His Church is freighted with meaning and promise. Youth is often callow and irresponsible, and when it is such, it cannot be effectively used in the cause of Christ. Not all youth, however, is such. There are young people who have the flame and the ardor that young men alone can have, but find it tempered with judgment and wisdom. There are, sadly, young men who are properly despised because they are rash, egotistical and headstrong. There are those who would usurp authority from their elders and who would look with disdain upon those whose mature ideas and opinions do not coincide in every whit with their own. Of such young men we do not now speak, for such spirits are not those which are in the forefront of the Church of God. Those of whom I speak are in spirit like Elihu, the friend of Job. We read of this young man in Job 32:4-8. "Now Elihu had waited until Job had spoken, because they were elder than he. When Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, then his wrath was kindled. And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said, I am young, and ye are very old; wherefore I was afraid, and durst not shew you mine opinion. I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom. But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding." Elihu was respectful and unselfish. He was not hasty in judgment or word. He did not speak in the presence of his elders until inspiration drove him to do so. He had, so to speak, the head of an older man, and the strength of a young man, or "an old man's head on a young man's shoulders." We need, in the Church of God, men like that today, and we are discovering them in every quarter.

**WHEN** men have spent their lives in and for a church, it is only natural that their concern will be great for that church as they grow older and realize that they will eventually pass their toll to younger hands. They are concerned for the future of the church, and are anxious lest it fall into hands less capable than theirs, hearts less aglow than theirs, visions less clear than theirs, and convictions less distinct than theirs. It is clear that there is no likelihood of this happening in the Church of God. The younger generation of ministers and leaders are as warm of heart, clear of vision, pronounced of conviction, and possessed of ability as their elders generations were at the same age. The church that has no lifestream of young blood is a dying church. As the older generation leaves the scene of action, the church steadily loses its potency and becomes ineffective in the work of God. The healthy church is one that has a capable young man rising for each capable older man who has passed his meridian. This the Church of God amply has.

Those who become frightened when young men are placed in positions of responsibility should remember that many of the great heroes of Christian history did some of their greatest work while they were still young men. For instance, John Wesley was only 26 years old when he became the leader of the Methodist Society at Oxford University. His brother Charles, who organized the Methodist Society, was only 22. Martin Luther began to preach salvation by faith when he was only 29, in defiance to the entire Roman Catholic Church. He was only 34 when

he challenged the Roman hierarchy by nailing to the university door at Wittenburg his 95 theses, on which he offered to debate any who dared accept his challenge. John Calvin was only 27 when he published his "Institutes of the Christian Religion" in Basel, Switzerland. This is one of the most profound and comprehensive statements of Christian doctrine ever to be written. William Bramwell Booth was the chief organizer of the Salvation Army when he was only 22. He became chief-of-staff of the Salvation Army at 24. Church history is filled with evidences of young men's ability to organize and administer. Some of the greatest forward steps of the Christian religion have been taken side by side by older men and their younger brethren.

Young men have been conspicuous in other fields and have served with vigor and distinction. Thomas Jefferson, for example, was only 33 when he wrote the Declaration of Independence. William Pitt is considered the greatest Prime Minister in the long history of Great Britain—and he became Prime Minister at the age of 24! Think of so young a man guiding the destiny of so great an empire at so crucial a time in her history. At the age of 30, Dr. Robert Maynard Hutchins was elected president of the influential University of Chicago. And, as in all growing groups, the Church of God is not using young men because there are no others to use, but because it is a sign of inward vigor and health.

**WHAT** I have said is not intended to infer and does not mean that the young men are superseding or supplanting their elders. Such is not the case. A church made up altogether of young men would be as unbalanced as one made up altogether of elderly men. The thriving church is the one that has a happy combination of youth and experience, working harmoniously, without suspicion, without jealousy, and without prejudice. The presence of young men in the church is the highest of compliments to the older men, for it is through their untiring labors that we have a strong rising generation. Each time a young man is appointed pastor of some influential church, or as state overseer, or to some standing board, or is elected to some official position, it is a tribute to the older men in the church. It shows that they have been evangelistic and have won young people to Christ; it shows that they have been sound in their counsel and have, by good teaching, strengthened those who come behind them; it shows that they are unprejudiced and unselfish and are willing to share responsibility with their juniors.

Among the young men whom I know I have found a profound and unfeigned respect and admiration for their elders. Among the older men whom I know I found thankfulness and paternal concern for their younger men. The older men have done a spiritual and sound work in their day, and, therefore, they have following them a generation of sane, well-balanced, spiritual, and capable men to assist them now in the work that must be done. A church made up altogether of old men is a dying church. A church made up altogether of young men is a precarious church, but one made up of a healthy balance of the two is a living, growing, and effective church. Such, I firmly believe, is the Church of God. Under God, and by the direction of His Holy Spirit, we should have the greatest days of our history before us. They should be fruitful days for Jesus Christ, and in consistently seeking Him, we can make them so.

*In a widely published conversation a noted  
psychologist and a popular mayor  
refer to the Church of God as*

# A "Grass Roots" Church

(FROM A NEWSPAPER FEATURE)

**G**EORGE W. CRANE is a well-known psychologist and newspaper columnist. His newspaper feature "The Worry Clinic" is widely read throughout the nation, and his counsel is followed by thousands. In a recent syndicated article by Dr. Crane, which means that it was printed in newspapers throughout the land, a glowing tribute was paid to the Church of God. It is well known in ecclesiastic circles everywhere that the Church of God makes a strong bid for the souls of the underprivileged. We attempt to carry the gospel to those who are down and out as well as to those who are up and out. Perhaps we have not fully realized that our efforts are observed with understanding and admiration by civic and intellectual circles. We reprint Dr. Crane's article just as it was observed in newspapers everywhere, and was probably read by thousands of the EVANGEL readers. Still, because many more thousands did not observe the article, we feel that it will be of general interest to all our readers. The EVANGEL trusts that this recognition by so famed a man as Dr. Crane, and by the good mayor of Anderson, South Carolina, will be an incentive to our pastors and people everywhere to increase our effort to carry the gospel to what they have called the "grass roots" people.—Editor

**MAYOR JOHNSTON** has raised some very stimulating points about churches. See if you agree with him. Would a poor, shabbily dressed person feel out of place in your church Sunday morning? Then maybe Christ would, too, for Jesus stayed with the "grass roots" people.

## THE WORRY CLINIC

By George W. Crane

**WILLIAM JOHNSTON**, aged about 45, is the handsome and very capable mayor of Anderson, South Carolina.

"Dr. Crane, I wonder if most of our churches aren't too self-satisfied," he said, as I was visiting in Anderson not long ago.

"We church members dress so well on Sunday morning that many poor people hesitate to attend our churches. Here in Anderson, for example, the Church of God is really doing a remarkable job of getting to what we might call the 'grass roots' folks. If mill workers haven't fancy clothes, they don't feel out of place in this denomination. And when they pray, they all get down on their knees to do so. If they are to raise funds, they give 10 per cent of

their earnings. And when they feel religiously elated, they shout 'Amen' to show emotions. But many of us in the long-established churches no longer kneel to pray. And we don't assent to the clergyman's remarks with a spontaneous 'Amen.' I'm afraid most of us are more concerned with what men will say than with what God will say."

(The pastor of our church in Anderson at the time this article was written was the Reverend R. Leonard Carroll, now President of Lee College. The present pastor is the Reverend Wade H. Horton.—Editor.)

Recently I heard a very stimulating lecture concerning the failure of the early New England churches to keep in touch with the pioneer movement westward.

"The Episcopal and Congregational churches were dominant in Colonial Days," said this professor. "But they were too smug and complacent to stay with the common people as the latter made the trek westward over rugged trails. The Pioneer Methodist Circuit riders and Baptist preachers, however, stayed with the grass roots folks, and trudged westward. When a little settlement was established, the Methodists and Baptists were there to erect a little log meeting house. And that's why the Methodists and Baptists have run circles around the originally dominant Episcopalian and Congregational denominations of New England."

Abraham Lincoln once said that God must have been very fond of the common man, since He made so many of us in that mold. Certainly, God likes simple faith and the gracious hospitality of the average type of home.

In early days, the women's societies met in cottages. And prayer meetings were held there, at which sinners confessed their wrongs and were then befriended by the neighbors. Nowadays, they come to us psychiatrists to confess and pay heavy fees for the privilege! If we had more old-fashioned prayer meetings, there's be far less nervous breakdowns.

Alcoholics Anonymous is patterned exactly after early American prayer meeting in the cottages.

Many of our Methodist and Baptist have now grown somewhat smug and complacent, too, like the early Episcopalian and Congregational churches of New England. If we don't stick with the common man, then new denominations will splinter off our rich, ornate churches and get back to the grass roots crowds.

For God prefers contrite hearts in tiny cottages, to fashion parades in ornate cathedrals! Jesus stayed with the common people, too, and certainly wouldn't leave them even in this year of 1952.

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# History of the Church of God IN PALESTINE

By REV. H. K. SULEIMAN  
Bethlehem, Palestine

**L**ONG before the first World War, many missions were established in Palestine, such as the London Jewish Society, the Church Missionary Society, the German Lutheran Church, and the Christian and Missionary Alliance. In 1923, some Baptist and Nazarene missionaries came and started work in Jerusalem. The Baptists had a church in Nazareth, but before 1927 the place was closed. The Nazarene Mission continued to work among the Armenians until 1948, when the Palestine troubles curtailed the Mission's activities in the area now under Jewish occupation. The Scotch Mission, which is the oldest in the country, is working among the Jews in Tiberias and Jaffa to this day. After the second World War, Presbyterian and Baptist missionaries came to Bethlehem and started their work, but the Baptists did not remain long.

Among the missionaries who came to Jerusalem, we had two Pentecostal sisters, Miss Brown and Miss Laura Radford, who belonged to the Assemblies of God, and another Pentecostal sister of Scotland. These sisters and a Persian brother carried the message of Pentecost to different parts of the country, even to Transjordan. Though they worked under persecutions, the Lord gave them good results. It was May 5, 1929, when the Lord baptized me with the Holy Ghost. My wife received her Spirit baptism one year before our marriage, and the Lord has been pleased to bless our humble testimony in seeing many receive the Holy Ghost, followed by signs and wonders. We had in Jerusalem about 40 people who were filled with the Holy Ghost, though many of them left the city because of the troubles and lack of employment. When we gathered for prayer, the Spirit of God revealed Himself in real languages, with interpretation and visions of Christ and heaven, also giving wonderful prophecies. We know this was preparation by God, who was in the future to establish a real church for Himself in Palestine, as He did on the day of Pentecost and in the first century of the Christian era. This message of Pentecost has suffered much in Palestine, particularly in Jerusalem, for all denominations persecuted everyone of that faith. But as gold which stands during testing, so this faith has been standing all kinds of tests ever since it started, and the more it is tested, the better and stronger it becomes.

In April of 1945, when Rev. J. H. Ingram was on his world tour, he came to Palestine and visited Jerusalem. While he was staying at the Y.M.C.A., I met him. Brother Ingram visited at our home three times, and we enjoyed fellowship together. Though I was working for the Government, I used all my spare time in serving the Lord and His cause. One time Brother Ingram asked if we should like to

join the Church of God and work in Palestine. We hesitated to give him our consent, but after prayer we agreed to do so, after we heard from the Missions Board. Soon we did hear from the Missions Board, telling us of their interest and approval. Later, in May, 1947, the Missions Board sent us Brother Hatfield and his family as the first missionaries to work with us in Palestine, and they certainly were of much blessing to us and to many who met them. The Hatfield family started to work with us, and we searched for a suitable building to rent for our work. However, in view of the troubles in the country, which started that year, also the high rent, we could not find the proper place. A few months later the Hatfield family left for Egypt to investigate the work there. The yellow death broke out in Egypt, and the Government detained them in that country. Troubles and danger were increasing daily in Palestine, and there was no safety within or without. The Lord's work was hindered some, but the believers came together in our home, and the Lord certainly blessed and protected us. We remained in our home, an apartment in a six-story building located on one of the main streets of the new Jerusalem, where there was danger day and night, until the time came when no one dared to remain in that part of the town. During the absence of the Hatfield family in Egypt, all their things were left with us in Jerusalem. We had a full truck load when we removed them to Bethlehem at the time we left Jerusalem.

**H**OW wonderful the Lord is to all those who put their trust in Him. He surely saved us from a very cruel death, for had we remained in that building we would have been blown to pieces with that huge building, which exploded because of mines placed underneath it! Thousands of people were killed or injured, and the loss of properties was beyond imagination, but the Lord has kept all His children wherever they went. My job as clerk with the British Government terminated when the mandate over Palestine expired, and while living in Bethlehem, terror and fear of being killed was hovering overhead day and night. This was from May, 1948, until March, 1949, when the Jordan Government took over from the Egyptian Army that was in that area. For a period of 19 months Brother Hatfield and I had not been able to get in touch with each other, for all lines of communication were cut off with the outside world. We worked for the Lord under critical financial circumstances, trusting Him for our support. At last Brother Hatfield was able to come to Bethlehem by way of Cyprus, and how glad we were to meet each

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# EVANGELISM IS THE ANSWER

By OSWALD J. SMITH, Litt. D.  
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**T**HIS is the twentieth century. Sinister forces are at work. False religions abound on every side. Nationalism is sweeping the earth. Communism, the most powerful weapon ever forged by satanic ingenuity, threatens to wipe out Christianity. Atomic energy holds civilization at its mercy.

I wish I could live to write the year 2000 A. D., but that can never be. Millions will, should Christ tarry; I cannot. I believe the next fifty years will be the most momentous in the history of mankind. Events of world-shaking significance are already casting their shadows before them.

Colossal movements have been inaugurated; some for good, others for ill. The human race faces destruction. Cataclysmic judgments are inevitable. Revolution, with all its horrors, again lifts its hoary head. The Iron Curtain hides a slavery worse than death. All creation groans. The birth pangs of a new age are now being felt throughout the world. Once again there is "the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees." "The coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

I am not a professional evangelist, but I have carried on evangelistic work, and I know the only hope of our day is a new manifestation of the power of God. I have been in countries where I have seen that power in operation, and I am confident we can have here what I have witnessed there. **Evangelism is the order of the day, the need of the hour.** Without revival, life, as we know it, must perish. We must evangelize or fossilize.

We all have our differences, but there is one thing upon which we can unite, and that is evangelism. If we cannot get together on anything else, we should be able to work with each other in the winning of lost men and women to the Lord Jesus Christ. Ministers and laymen of all denominations should be able to cooperate when it comes to evangelism.

There are ministers who feel that they can do their own evangelistic work, and that there is no need to import a professional evangelist. Let me say, and I base my assertion on forty years of ministry, for the most part as a pastor, I owe the success of my work, in a large measure, to evangelism. The pastor of the church may be a good preacher, greatly beloved by his people, but even the best voice can become tiring. I have always welcomed others to my pulpit, because I have realized that a new voice is imperative. An evangelist can win those I can never hope to win. Then when I take over again, my voice in turn becomes a new voice, and thus the people never grow weary. As soon as I feel that they have heard me often enough, I bring in someone else to give them a change, and the evangelist always leaves us with new friends, most of whom will stay with us after he has left.

The very first campaign I held in Toronto lasted for six months without a break of a night, Saturdays included, and generally two or three services on Sundays.

I managed the campaign and was the chairman at all the meetings. But during the six months I had a dozen or more different evangelists, one after the other, to do the preaching. Thus I always had someone new to advertise, and the people could continually look forward to a new voice. The crowds increased from week to week. Interest was intense, and, before it was over, many hundreds of souls had been saved, so that the work was greatly strengthened as a result. Every campaign more than paid for itself, for I saw to it that there was always something worth-while in the treasury at the close.

All down the years, ever since, I have had two or three, and sometimes half a dozen campaigns each year, and in addition many special conferences of one kind and another. All of this has stimulated the spiritual life of the people, added new interest, created enthusiasm and consolidated the work. In between campaigns I have done the preaching, and as the work became stronger and the crowds increased, I did more of the pulpit work myself, but I have never felt that I could do it alone. Even to this day I bring outside speakers to hold evangelistic campaigns.

There was a day in the work of evangelism and revival, not so very long ago, when all the churches of a given town closed their doors and cooperated. It is no wonder that men like Billy Sunday got big crowds. For years Billy Sunday would not go to a town unless every church in the town agreed to close its doors and unite in the campaign. Consequently, the choirs of all the churches were on the platform and, more important still, the ministers, and since the churches were closed and the people had nowhere else to go, of course they came to the tabernacle where the campaign was being held and filled it to capacity. Then as they looked up and saw their own ministers sitting on the platform, they were inspired to cooperate, to give, to pray, and to do whatever they could to make the campaign a success. That is the ideal way to win souls to Christ.

We are living in a day, however, when it seems next to impossible to get all the ministers of any one town and all the churches to cooperate. We are fortunate today if we can succeed in getting even the evangelical churches to close their doors and work with us, for even among fundamentalists there is so much division and strife that it is difficult to secure the necessary cooperation. But it is still true that any town or city could be moved for God, and a mighty revival could take place, if the churches themselves would unite in a soul-winning effort and work together, ministers of all denominations, for the evangelization of the Christless masses on every side.

SOMETIMES it is objected that we need more Bible teaching, more Bible conferences; that we should  
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# A Timeless Christ

HEBREWS 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

J. DAVID PITTS, Pastor  
E. Louisville, Kentucky

**I**MMEDIATELY with the quoting of this New Testament text there flashes before my mind a panoramic picture of the past nineteen centuries, and I see a world in transition; a world rushing hurriedly from time to eternity, from the alpha to the omega of all its works and plans. Yes, I see a changing world!

## I. A CHANGING WORLD

### Change in Transportation

When man left the Garden of Eden, he left walking, so his means of travel and transportation were his two feet. (Thank God, he never walked on all fours or swung from a tree limb like a monkey.) However, it was not long until he learned that he could hitchhike a ride by climbing aboard a donkey or other four-footed animal. Later came the invention of the wheel, and man graduated to the cart or wagon. With the invention of the steam he went from the cart to the railroad, and then he was back on his feet again when someone built a bicycle and he went peddling and pumping his way around.

Next in this changing world came the automobile and then the airplane, and now it is possible to eat breakfast in New York and dinner in London, England, or Paris, France. Yes, friends, this is a changing world.

Thank God, I can tell you of a better means of transportation or travel than an airplane ride, as wonderful as it is, and that will be the PLAIN AIR RIDE when this changeless Christ comes for His own!

### Change in Housing

Man's first home was in the beautiful Garden of Eden, with a carpet of green for a floor, the sky as a roof, and the sun, moon and stars as a lighting system. From there he went to the tent and cave, and on to the mud and stone house, and finally to the modern home of today, with its picture windows, sun porch, built-in kitchen furniture, and other modern conveniences that make for a life of ease and comfort. Yes, we are living in a world of transition! But like the wine at the marriage in Cana of Galilee, **THE BEST HAS BEEN SAVED TO THE LAST!** Nothing here can ever compare with the home Jesus has gone to prepare, that wonderful mansion in the sky, that mansion just over the hilltop!

### Change in Education

We have come a long way from the day Moses received the tables of stone containing the Law written by the hand of God, and when Belshazzar saw the fingers of

God writing judgment on the wall of the banquet hall.

There was a time when men of old recorded their history by drawing pictures on the stone walls of their caves. Later they used the parchment scrolls as was common in the days of Christ.

Many of you listening today can remember the days of the little one-room schoolhouse with its six and eight classes, the old blue-back speller and the three "R's," reading, 'riting, and 'rethmetic. Now we have the huge consolidated schools that not only teach the A B C's, but also the X Y Z's. Of course, most of them don't teach anything about the most important subject, the B-I-B-L-E! Sometimes I wonder if it isn't more important for us to know the B-I-B-L-E than it is to know so much about the A B C's. Yes, it is true, we are living in a world of change!

### Many Changes

There have been changes in the styles and fashions. First, there was the "long look"; then, during and just after the first World War, the "short look" was the style. Recently, there was an effort made to return to the "long look," but now it looks like we are going to finish up with the "nude look"! Thank God, the Bible says the children of God will be "clothed" in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints.

My friend, we are living in a changing world. Nations are changing; people are changing; habits are changing; things all around us are being shaken and changed by the march of time. In the mad rush of this modern age to change the old for the new, I want to tell you about One who is changeless in the midst of a changing world.

## II. A CHANGELESS CHRIST

### He Is Always the Same

**I**N THE book of the Hebrews, Christ is set forth as the immutable Christ, the unchangeable Christ. First, He is compared with this changing universe, which will, like a garment, wax old and be laid aside, but He abideth through time and eternity and changeth not. Second, He is likened unto the changing priesthood of an earthly ministry which offers its bloody sacrifice over and over and can never take away sin. But higher than the heavens above the depths of the seas is the ministry of the changeless Christ above that of all earthly men. He offered one sacrifice to take away the sins of "whoso-



# in a Transient World

A timely message on a timeless theme. Christ alone has never

changed, for He is the eternal contemporary!

ever will" and then sat down at the right hand of the Father until His enemies should be made His footstool. His sacrifice saves from sin! Third, the changing kingdoms of this world are spoken of, that they shall be shaken and moved out of their places; kingdoms shall rise and fall and come to a shameful end. But the kingdom of our dear Lord is like the rock that came rolling down from the mountain top and crushed all the kingdoms of this world; it is like the mustard seed which is the smallest of all seeds, but grows until it fills the whole world. Fourth, in the 11th chapter of Hebrews we are given a listing of the heroes of faith. But, great men that they were, their friendship and fellowship could be enjoyed only for a while. This changeless Christ has promised never to leave nor forsake!

## Changeless in Power

He could say, "All power is given unto me, both in heaven and in earth," and then prove it to the world. In the realm of the natural He proved that He was the Master. He walked on the waters of the sea, commanded wind and wave, multiplied the fishes and loaves, and turned the water into wine. He proved beyond a doubt His absolute power over the forces of nature. Then in the realm of the physical, He healed the sick, cleansed the leper, gave sight to the blind, and raised the dead. He had no incurables; He healed all that came believing. In the spiritual world, He forgave sins, cast out demons, brought freedom to those bound in the prison house of sin, and He is just the same today!

## Changeless in Saving Grace

Christ lifted up the adulterous woman and told her to go and sin no more. He called Zacchaeus down from his perch in the tree and went home with him for dinner. He forgave the poor sick man who was let down through the roof by his friends. He saved the woman at Jacob's well and sent her back into the city shouting the victory, and saying, "Come see a man that told me all things . . . is not this the Christ?" Friend, He saved these and others FROM THEIR SINS! And He is just the same today.

He will take a drunkard and make a deacon out of him; He will take a woman of the street and make her a saint; He will take a card-sharp and make a Bible reader out of him. He changed Saul the persecutor into Paul the preacher, and I am sure He can change you. He is the changeless Christ in saving grace.

## Changeless in Teaching

In the early days of His ministry, Christ sat on the

mount and gave the greatest teachings on morals and spiritual living ever given or recorded.

As a child of 12 He confounded the wise men of His day. The lawyers could never ensnare Him or cause Him to change a single statement He ever made. His teaching still constitutes the best moral codes of the world down to this day. Flawless in their diction, matchless in their logic, unexcelled in their wisdom, supreme in their authority, they are still in effect and force today.

He taught repentance, the new birth, sanctification, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, the church, hell for the sinner, heaven for the saint, and they are just the same today.

## Conclusion

All our hopes and longings are wrapped up in Jesus Christ. He is our Supreme Pattern, Model, and Example. He is worthy of a place in your vocabulary and life. He came to this world that we might know Him, and to know Him is to love Him. He makes the highest demands and desires your humblest service. He possesses power to cleanse the conscience, arrest the affections, and purify the soul. His nail-scarred hands have lifted empires off their hinges. He was sinless, guiltless, blameless, and faultless.

He is the Paschal Lamb, the Great High Priest, the Guiding Pillar of Cloud and Fire. He is the Faultless King, the Good Shepherd, and the Suffering Saviour. He is the God of Mercy, the Healer of Bruises, and the Cleansing Fountain. He is the Purifier of the Sons of Levi, the True Prophet, the Eternal King, the Second Person of the Adorable Trinity, and the CHANGELESS CHRIST!

Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

Preached on Radio Station WGRC, Saturday, August 23, 1952—Rev. J. David Pitts, East Louisville Church of God, 707 E. Jefferson Street, Louisville 2, Kentucky.

## GOD'S ALL-SUFFICIENCY

Our weakness can never fall to a depth lower than His power can reach. Our necessities can never exceed His resources. Our difficulties can never be so involved but that His wisdom can direct us. Our sorrows can never be so acute or so accumulated but His Spirit can assuage and relieve us. For His eternity we place in opposition to all that is temporary; His immutability in opposition to all that is changing; His immortality in opposition to whatever has in it the seeds of decay and death; His all-sufficiency in opposition to all that is inadequate.—Sel.

## MY OBSERVATIONS

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had visions of the future, and I saw an enlarged mission program, an accelerated evangelistic program, and many enthusiastic young pastors coming into actuality tomorrow because of our youth of today. The place given to our schools on the program was wonderful, I thought, because I feel we should educate our own prospective gospel workers. Other churches have fallen because they failed to take responsibility in educating their youth in the fundamental principles of New Testament Christianity. I don't think we are going to fall on this, as many of our denominational predecessors have failed.

I found another heartening thing at this 44th Assembly; that was mission-mindedness. In none of the previous Assemblies that I attended did I find such mission consciousness as I did at this one. A mission zeal is the hallmark of true Christianity, and, praise be to God, we, in the Church of God, are becoming more and more concerned with this vital phase of carrying out the great commission. I think we have still much more to do in this direction, but God helping us we will do it.

There are numerous other things I could say about the Assembly, but it should suffice for me to close by saying I came away blessed with the fellowship, delighted with the leaderships, and inspired for the future.

## HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN PALESTINE

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other. Immediately we acted upon establishing real work for God in Bethlehem. Our daughter Jean conducted a Sunday School numbering over 170. Some of the girls were older than she, and the Lord surely blessed the work.

Our work progressed among Christian and Mohammedan refugees who numbered over 80,000 in that area alone. As those people were in such a state of poverty and distress, they began to seek God, and our meetings were filled every time. Brother Hatfield's frequent visits proved a great blessing to us. All of us were working for the Lord wholeheartedly in order to make up for what we had lost in Jerusalem because of the troubles. Missionaries and other churches in that area became jealous. They all started to persecute us and told people every invented evil tale about our teachings; but, thank God, we did not stop. We had our faith fixed in God and the Holy Spirit to help us extend the work to other parts of the country.

Before coming to the States, we had opened a new church in the Shepherd's Town, where we had a very large crowd in the first meeting conducted there. Our Brother Isaac Simon, who once belonged to the Assemblies of God and is a native of Egypt, is now successfully carrying on the work there while we are in America. Lately we have another church opened in Jerusalem (old city), and people are getting hungry for this great message. We are praying that the Lord will help us to open places in Syria and Lebanon, since these places fall in the immediate vicinities of Palestine (Jordan). Brother Hatfield is able to supervise the work from a near point, the Isle of Cyprus. We came to America as immigrants, and our children were admitted to Lee College. When they finish, and we get our citizenship, we shall be able to return and work in Palestine. In view of the urgent need of real messengers called out by the Spirit of God, there is a golden opportunity awaiting them there, for the harvest is white, and the labourers are few, and who will be willing to go?

## EVANGELISM IS THE ANSWER

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give more attention to the study of the Word. Evangelism, it is stated, does not consolidate or teach. I beg to disagree. As I have studied the history of revival and evangelism all down the centuries, I have discovered that there is more teaching, more personal soul winning, and that a greater number of people are inspired to study the Word of God during days of revival and evangelism than at any other time.

When the Holy Spirit is at work, the people naturally turn to the Bible and study it. Bible classes are formed. Instruction is given in personal work. New converts testify and pray in public, and, as a result, there is a greater knowledge of the Bible imparted than at any other time. **Bible teaching without evangelism will result in stagnation, but evangelism, which always produces Bible study, will inspire and bless.**

Then let me point out that it is the follow-up work that counts most, not the work that is done by the evangelist himself. The evangelist is like the doctor—he brings the baby into the world, but no one would ever expect the doctor to remain and take care of the child. That is the follow-up work which must be done by the parents. The doctor's responsibility ceases when the baby is born. It would be wrong to blame the doctor if the child did not develop properly after a healthy and normal birth, and it is just as wrong to blame the evangelist if the converts do not go on in the faith and make progress after he has brought them into the light. That, I say, is the responsibility of others; namely, the pastor, the Sunday School teacher, the leaders of the young people's work, and all those who remain to take care of the new converts. If special convert classes are organized, the converts can soon be established and taught the fundamental doctrines of the faith, so that they will stand true and steadfast and become active workers for the Lord Jesus Christ.

There is a lot of evangelism today that belittles the pastor. I am sorry to have to admit this, but it is true. **The kind of evangelism we need is that evangelism that will hold up the hands of the pastor and in every possible way support and encourage him.** For an evangelist to criticize or find fault in any way with a pastor before the people is a tragic mistake. He has enough to contend with in any case. He needs to be encouraged, and the evangelist should do everything possible to make it easy for him. He should be honored before his people. It is for this reason that I believe every evangelist, for a few years at least, should become a pastor, so as to be able to sympathize with the pastor in his problems and know how to help him. He may not be perfect, but that may also be true of the evangelist, and I am afraid that one of the reasons so many churches have turned against evangelism is because the evangelist has been discourteous to the pastor and has not given him the help he could.

Having been both a pastor and an evangelist, I know perfectly well that the work of the pastor is by far the most difficult, and that the evangelist, in comparison, has an easy time. He only has to face the problems for two or three weeks in any one place; then he can leave. But the pastor is ever burdened with them. It is for this reason I slip away ever now and again and hold a campaign, for it enables me to forget the petty problems of the pastor. Evangelists would do well to adopt a new attitude toward the pastors with whom they work.

# The QUESTION BOX

# The Homemakers' Chapel

By MRS. AVIS SWIGER

**QUESTION:** Which resurrection is this spoken of by John in Revelation 20:4-6? Also, in the fourth chapter of 1 Thessalonians, it says the dead in Christ shall rise first, and we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord. If the ones in the first resurrection are the ones who didn't receive the mark of the beast or worship his image, how is the beast going to be after their resurrection?—Mrs. W. B.

**ANSWER:** The resurrection in Revelations 20:4-6 is the first resurrection, as is stated in verse 5. When the resurrection occurs, mentioned in the fourth chapter of 1 Thessalonians, all who are living for Christ will be raptured from the earth. At that time the tribulation will commence. Many people will be saved on earth during the tribulation. During the last three and a half years of the tribulation, the mark of the beast will be given. Those who have been saved and refuse to accept the mark will be slain because of their loyalty to Christ. The souls of these martyrs will go to heaven. They are considered a part of the first resurrection even though their resurrection will occur about three and a half years after the rapture. When Christ returns to earth for the millennium, they will return and reign with Him, along with all those who were resurrected and raptured.

The first resurrection is a period of time from the resurrection of Christ to the last persons who will be resurrected during the tribulation, taking in five main raptures or companies of people: (1) Christ the first fruits. (2) Afterward they that are Christ's at His coming (1 Corinthians 15:23), the same as referred to in 1 Thessalonians 4:16. (3) The next company that will be translated in the first resurrection will be the 144,000 of Revelation 7:14, and (4) following that will be this tribulation company of Gentiles (Revelations 20:4-6) that will be translated just before the marriage supper. (5) The last two to be translated will be the two witnesses of Revelation 11. All these companies will have part in the first resurrection, which started with Christ and ends with the resurrection of the two witnesses.

## ARE YOU A QUEEN?

*You may not be clothed in ermine,  
Or bedecked in jewels rare;  
Your feet not shod in golden slippers,  
No chains of pearls entwine your hair;*

*A gaudy throne is not your place  
Of ease, nor yet a mansion fair.*

*But these, my dear, make not a queen;  
You see, they are but the outward scene.*

*If within, a heart of love and service true*

*Rules your every thought, so that you seem*

*To live for others, giving all to God and them—*

*Lift up your head, you're chief of that team.*

*And of a surety all want to crown you  
A queen, in your home supreme.*

Genesis 2:18, "And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him."

**P**ERHAPS one of the greatest temptations that comes to a homemaker is the feeling toward impatience with the ever-recurring tasks that seem to shut her out of the main stream of life into which her husband enters every day. All the little daily tasks seem unending today, and they will seem the same again tomorrow. "A man works from sun to sun, but a woman's work is never done" is mighty poor comfort for tired bodies, weary minds, and heavy spirits. We need some real help and encouragement, don't we? Had you ever thought about why God created us?

"The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world" is a

statement with far more truth than poetry. We may be the "weaker sex" but in reality the destiny of the world lies within our power far more surely than the destiny of England lies within the power of Queen Elizabeth II.

Mother, you are the queen of your household! All the thrill and excitement of developing unknown ability and untrained greatness is within your power. It is yours to mold the soft, yielding clay given into our care, making of it vessels to honor or despair.

*I took a piece of living clay  
And gently fashioned it day by day,  
And molded with my power and art  
A young child's soft and yielding heart.*

*I came again when years were gone;  
It was a man I looked upon.  
The form I gave him still he bore,  
But I could change that form no more.*  
(Selected)

Our homes, our husbands, and our children are our God-given trusts, and we must be faithful. Take your rightful place as the queen of your home—the loved, trusted and needed one!

## NOTICES

Idaho State Minister's Meetings will convene in Lewiston on September 25, 26.—Charles E. Tilley, State Overseer.

Arizona State Ministers' Meeting will convene in Mesa, September 25, 26.—C. W. Collins, State Overseer.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

My address has been changed to Upper River Road, Gallipolis, Ohio.—H. L. Dillinger.

My address is now Box 2, Lockhart, S. C., Phone 2924.—W. M. Morrow.

My new address is Box 35, Cantwell, Mo.—A. B. McCane.



# Missions . . .

PAUL H. WALKER, Executive Missions Secretary

## At Last We Are on the Mission Field

By Reverend and Mrs. L. E. Heil

IT WAS just a week ago this morning (August 8) that our ship, the S.S. Fleetwood, left San Francisco harbor. The days were long and tiresome as we steamed toward Honolulu. It seemed we would never reach that speck on the navigator's chart that we were so eagerly anticipating. However, early yesterday morning when we awoke we looked out the port holes and viewed the imposing mountains of Hawaii. As the ship reached pier 39, Brother and Sister Hawkins, missionaries to Hawaii, stood waiting to greet us. We were so happy to see them, as we had not been together for more than eight years. Nevertheless, in a matter of minutes we were busily engaged in conversation and planning how we should spend the day.

Most of the day was spent in driving to various points of interest in and around the city. The craters of inactive volcanoes, native dwellings, etc., attracted our attention until mid-afternoon. About 4:00 p.m., Brother Hawkins and I drove to town for a few minutes regarding a matter of business, and, upon returning, we were happily surprised to see my only sister's husband, Al Statum, waiting for us at the church. While in Texas awaiting sailing, we were privileged to see all of our families except Al. Now the Lord has made that possible. Al had been in Japan in the U.S. Navy and was returning to the States for a few months. The Lord so arranged it that he arrived in Honolulu one day before us.

Inasmuch as Brother Hawkins had announced a special service for the evening, we assembled in the beautiful local church at 7:30 p.m. The home of the Church of God in Honolulu is a lovely masonry building erected under the able supervision of our Brother Hawkins. The group that

gathered was no less striking than the building. Together came Hawaiians, Samoans, Japanese, Americans, and possibly others, to worship God. We were made to rejoice as various groups sang in their mother tongue. The entire service was certainly impressive and spiritually uplifting. I shall never forget the large choir (approximately 30) who sang in the Samoan language "Hosannas to Jesus" (that is my title for the song, as those are the only words I could understand). There was no doubting that those "Hosannas" were issuing directly to the presence of Jesus, because they were sung from the hearts of a group who truly love Him. At the close of the service, they all marched to the front and expressed their happiness that we were with them, and they asked God's blessing upon us as we continued to the land of our work. Especially the Japanese people there seemed so thankful that God was sending another worker to their people. It hardly seemed possible that we had only known these people three hours, and our farewells resembled those of our family. It is so wonderful to experience the great love of God through His people everywhere. Praise His name!

When I recall the services last night, with all of the talent, it did not seem that we were in a mission church, but rather in one of our large churches in the homeland. It was wonderful in our eyes because it was bought by the blood of Christ that bought us, and activated by the same Holy Ghost which moves upon God's people in every land. We were deeply impressed by the measure of consecration that was so evident in Brother and Sister Hawkins, and by the resultant achievements. Inasmuch as Al had to leave for the States at 6:00 a. m., we spent the rest of the night

talking about old times (Brother Hawkins, Brother Al Statum, and I were all in Bible School together) and discussing the wonders of God's great work.

The following day swiftly passed, and we prepared to board the ship for the remainder of the voyage. Shortly after 5:00 p.m. the church people began to arrive in Pearl City, about five miles from Honolulu, to bid us Godspeed on our journey. Words cannot express how we enjoyed the singing of God's praises by these consecrated believers. After we had boarded the ship and were so near the sailing time, I began to hear again the song which I loved so much to hear, "Hosannas to Jesus." I could see Sister Hawkins wiping the tears from her eyes, and simultaneously my eyes began to moisten. Brother Hawkins was smiling to keep back the tears. It was like leaving home as the ship pulled away. Handkerchiefs were waving farewells, and the air seemed electrified as I knew it was being filled with prayers for our safe trip and successful work in Japan. May God's richest blessings ever rest upon the Church of God in Honolulu.

The ship has begun to rock, and it seems that again we are lost in the vast expanse of troubled waters. But the strains of "Aloha" seem to remain in our ears, and the faces of the Island people are vivid in our minds. As we left beautiful Hawaii a group of the Church people came to the pier to give us an Hawaiian aloha. They sang a number of beautiful Christian songs, both in their native tongue and in the English language. The singing continued for three-fourths of an hour, and as the ship began to move away from the land, they began to sing the beautiful "Aloha." Brother and Sister Hawkins and little Debbie stood on the land with their people and waved good-byes to us until we could no longer see them in the distance.

We arrived in Yokohama, Japan, this morning (August 19, 1952) at 8:00 a.m. We were so happy to arrive after 19 days of travel from the States. The weather was excellent all the way, and the voyage was quite pleasant excepting a little seasickness.

Our new home, Japanese style, is extremely odd, in our way of thinking; however, we are quite well pleased with it. Our new address is 105 Nishi Kubo, Musashino Shi, Tokyo To, Japan.

# They Came Over into Germany to Help Us

By Bobbie Lauster

**H**IS LETTER READ, "The Missions Department bestowed the high honor upon me in voting that I should go to the World Pentecostal Fellowship and on to you people in Germany." This was a letter which we received from Brother Paul H. Walker, and our hearts were overjoyed.

In every service our people began hearing that "Brother Walker and some of our other American brethren will visit us after the conference." The people started making plans so they would be able to attend. Everyone awaited their coming so much and with such expectation.

The Missions Board was so kind to pay for two fares to the conference, and it was a happy-hearted group of five who started off for London. Some of our workers paid their fares and took the trip, too.

As our plane soared above France, the English Channel, and finally England itself, we kept thinking how wonderful it would be to see the preachers from America. As the conference got underway, we kept meeting many of them, and meeting each new one brought us real joy. They all asked questions about our work and seemed genuinely interested. We asked each minister if he would go home with us after the meeting. Many would have liked to be able to but could not.

To us it was like a home-coming, and we stayed close to our brethren throughout the conference. It was with pride that we climbed the steps of the church to have our picture made in the group of "Church of God representatives."

There were many good sermons, songs, and prayers during the meeting, but when I think on what the high point of the meeting was, I invariably think of the two messages Brother Ray Hughes delivered. Perhaps I was starved for a good message in English, but I just drank from those messages as from a fountain. It made me sorry that the Spirit of God didn't have freedom to bless and honor these messages.

So many groups were represented that the meeting was held more or less in a conservative manner in order not to offend. But I must confess that I thought many times of our little churches back in Germany and how the nearness of God comes into our meetings and how our souls are uplifted and blessed. The wonderful freedom we experience in the Church of God is something most of us don't even realize or know how to appreciate. One of the German girls voiced my opinion exactly when she whispered to me one evening, "I'd rather be home in one of our youth meetings where we can sing and shout and let God bless us as He wants to."

After reading for a lifetime about the land of our forefathers. IT WAS an enlightening experience to visit London. Everyone was so friendly and thoughtful and quite hospitable. We drank our "tea" every day with the other Britishers and almost learned to understand "English."

From my question, "Are you going home with us?" I finally received three "yes" answers. One, of course, was from Brother Walker, one from Brother J. H. Hughes, and one from Brother Jesse O'Hara.

We boarded our plan, and in two hours landed in Frankfurt in good spirits. The luggage was piled into the car, and we started the long drive home. We were proud of Germany as we drove along Hitler's big autobahn, through ripe wheat fields, rich timber lands, and well-tended orchards and vineyards. The men seemed interested in everything. The more they saw of Germany the more they liked it until we came into Stuttgart, and there they saw the deep, unhealed scars of war. The ruins have become common to us, but I can still remember how I looked with horror on the same picture just one year ago, and how a melancholy mood came over me as I thought of what terrible suffering had been experienced amid that wreckage.

Shutters flew open and windows up when we arrived with our three important-looking "Americans." But

they soon became familiar around Krehwinkel, for we were always coming and going.

The next week seemed to fly by on wings. We enjoyed every minute of it. Try to imagine yourself working year in and year out and seeing your field branch out and just bloom under God's guidance and the help of your beloved America, and then at last have some of those ministers come. It was wonderful, and we pulled out our welcome mat and tried to give them a week never to be forgotten. Never a bored comment or look did we receive, if we were showing our office set-up, the concentration camp, or the funny way our little towns cluster in the valleys with their houses setting at all angles.

The three ministers usually went different places each night, one here and one there, and I seem to remember just a continuous flowing of God's blessings. The sermons we heard will never be forgotten. Our people will be talking about that visit many years from now.

I saw Brother Walker go until I wondered how he could go any farther, but he would only sit patiently and dictate something to me or ask more questions about our work. Such a wonderful love and fellowship emanated through us all!

The crowning event came during the week-end services when 500 or more packed the church to hear those long-looked-for messages. I'd hate to say which message was best, for I truly think they all surpassed each other, if such a thing were possible. Our people thrilled as the brethren joined in the singing and lifted their hands and cried and rejoiced with them. Most of the world thinks of America as being a rich wonderful country, and it was with real astonishment that they listened to those messages of how God sustained faith through many trials of pioneering and trail-blazing. Some have testified lately of how they were stirred through those messages and how they want a pioneering spirit and a zeal to blaze new trails in Germany. They took every word to heart.

ALL too quick the week passed, and once again we loaded our car and started the trip to Rome, which was an unending panorama of color and change of landscape. First, we drove through Switzerland with its red-tile-roofed houses and peaceful,

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# The Del-Mar-Va Camp Meeting

**T**HE Del-Mar-Va camp meeting was the best this year I have been privileged to attend. From the beginning to the end the Spirit of the Lord was in the meeting. Rev. G. W. Lane, overseer, moderated these services, and his choice of speakers was the best.

The Spirit-anointed ministry of the Rev. C. R. Spain, his messages, and his interest in all the services was greatly enjoyed and appreciated. His co-worker, the Rev. M. G. McLuhan, president of the Northwest Bible School, gave us a greater desire to learn of God by teaching each morning. His ministry in song, as well as his teaching, was truly God-anointed. These two are a great team. Any state would do well to secure their services.

It would be utterly impossible to estimate the good that was done during this brief but mightily blessed camp meeting. For the souls saved, sanctified, and filled with the Spirit, and those who were healed, edified, and restored to God, we praise the Lord. For those good men who came from various states with messages, songs, and words of encouragement, we also give praise to God: Brothers Cross,

Seese, Justice, Bonneville, Jones, the Culp brothers (all of Pennsylvania), Brothers Sellick of Virginia, Thea Jones, of Tennessee, Pettitt and Heppler of New Jersey, and others whose names I did not get.

The youth service was one of the most inspirational services of the camp meeting. It seemed that heaven itself drew near and tears flowed freely while they sang, preached, and prayed. Brother Morris directed this service.

The last services were as the previous ones—the best. God's blessed Spirit anointed Rev. C. E. French, missionary to India, Rev. T. M. Verghuese, and Rev. Seyda to bring to us the knowledge of the great need in foreign lands. It was truly a moving service. No one questioned who was guiding the service. God's Spirit was at the helm, and all went well.

The services were over, and thus came to a close the three years' successful ministry of Rev. G. W. Lane as our overseer, and Sister Lane. I'm sure it would be impossible for me to estimate the good they have done in this territory, and may God bless and use them greatly as they continue their work for Him in their new field of labor.—W. Edwin Tull.

## E/P NEWS...

### Sees Moral Decay Under Communism

WINONA LAKE, IND.—"Signs of moral decay, as well as physical destruction in northern France and Germany, are self-evident in the area where Communist influence is the strongest," states the Rev. Ernest Keasling, of Winona Lake, who spent the first two weeks of August in Germany and surrounding countries. As servicemen's director for the Free Methodist church, he made this trip to visit men of the Armed Forces stationed in Europe and the British Isles.

### Some Catholic Facts

Catholics claim a majority of the population in 20 cities with a population over 100,000 in the United States. Jersey City, New Jersey, has the largest percentage, with 83.4 per cent. Twenty-nine cities claim from 25 to 49 per cent of the population. Catholics represent 19.0 per cent of the total United States population and 33.2 per cent of the total church population. Latest reports reveal that the Catholic families of the U. S. A. (14 per cent) produce 24.3 per cent of the total births. Catholics in the U. S. A. have 22,415 rectories and con-

vents; 11,497 colleges, academies, seminaries, elementary and high schools; and 2,422 hospitals, orphanages, and other institutions. More than 750,000 students are enrolled in their colleges, universities, and high schools.

### Statistics on Crime

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The F. B. I. has released its final figures for 1951, which show that crime increased 5.1 per cent during 1951 throughout the United States, rising to a total of 1,882,160 serious offenses or 92,130 over the 1950 estimates. Major crimes during 1951 averaged 5,157 each day, or 34 felonious homicides, 1,115 burglaries, 143 robberies, 3,064 larcenies, 46 rapes, 540 auto thefts, and 215 aggravated assaults. The 831,288 arrested during the year exceeded by 4.7 per cent the number in 1950. Age 23 predominated in the frequency of arrests, followed by ages 22, 21, 24, and 26 in that order. Female arrests increased 11.3 per cent over 1950. Drunkenness led in the number of arrests, with 191,455. Others included criminal homicide, 6,522; robbery, 17,997; burglary, 42,415; sex offenses, 29,144. Youthful offenders under 21 years of age constituted 14.4 per cent of total arrests. Total arrests by ages under 21 were: 3,492 under 15; 33,767, ages 15-17; 82,417, ages 18-20.

## THE COURT OF PRAISE

YAZOO CITY, Miss.—My little boy and I wish to thank you and the Church of God people everywhere for every prayer you prayed for us while we were sick. Thank you dear people of God for holding us up before God in prayer, for our Lord has healed in our home. When we received the letter and anointed cloth from the Publishing House, I gave it to my boy who was in bed. I told him how you had prayed for him and how Jesus could heal. He took the anointed cloth and changed it from one pajama pocket to the other every day until he was healed. He is only eight years old. If we could have faith as a child, many times our prayers would be answered.—Mrs. H. E. Hines.

DRAPER, Va.—I thank God for healing my brother. He had spells and would fall as if he were dead. Many people were praying for him, and the Lord wonderfully healed him. Now he is working every day. I praise Him for His healing power. Please pray for my husband and boys to be saved.—Mrs. Thomas Reynolds.

ODUM, Ga.—I truly thank God for His mercies and love. It really means much to be one of His children. I am thankful to say that I have accepted God's Son as my Saviour and Healer. I trust God for the healing of my body and my children's bodies. I know Jesus took the stripes for the healing of our sickness. Praise God for evermore.—Mrs. Mamie Goss.

LAKE CITY, Ark.—I thank God because He healed my baby's eye when it was badly infected not long ago. I praise Him for standing by me though I do get lonesome sometime, as I don't get to be in services very often. My heart's desire is to be more like Jesus.—Mrs. Alex Adams.

## REVIVALS

FAULKVILLE, Ala.—We recently closed a wonderful revival here at Hills Chapel with 16 saved, 15 sanctified, 10 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 10 added to the church. The Lord was with us in a wonderful way as Sister Emma Newman preached for us. Brother H. E. Jones is our good pastor.—Clifton Hill, Clerk.

MARKS, Miss.—We recently closed a revival at the Center Hill Church with Rev. C. M. Newton as evangelist. Nine were saved, 9 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, 14 baptized in water, and 6 added to the church. This is a new church, but large crowds gathered each night for services. Pray for us here.—Daisy Richardson, Pastor.

BAINBRIDGE, Ga.—We have recently closed one of the best revivals we have had in years. Brother Johnnie Cowart was with us praying for the sick, and Brother L. Thomas was the evangelist. Nine were saved, 8 sanctified, and 17 filled with the Holy Ghost. The church was blessed beyond measure.—F. W. Griffin, clerk.



# In Memoriam

## BARNETT

The Reverend D. P. Barnett was born May 16, 1879, four miles from Fort Branch, Indiana. He also attended elementary school in Fort Branch. Later he married Miss Elma Tibbs, and to this union were born six children, five boys and one girl. The girl died at the age of four; all five boys are living and in business in Louisville, Kentucky.

Brother Barnett was first licensed in the Methodist Church; was ordained in the Church of God in 1916; and has had a very successful ministry. He served in the State of Illinois for two terms as state overseer, and in the State of Ohio for one term. While in the evangelistic work Reverend Barnett had some wonderful revivals, one in which 368 people were filled with the Holy Ghost. During his work in the Church he had over three thousand saved, and over one thousand sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and added to the Church.

Brother and Sister Barnett came to the City of Louisville about a year ago to live due to her illness. About 7:00, July 31, 1952, Brother Barnett was stricken with a heart condition that proved fatal. It seemed that he had a feeling his time had come to go. He went to his wife at different times that day and told her that he loved her. He told them of his insurance and other things that made us know he realized it was his time to go. Just before he died he sat down in a chair, looked at his wife and his son Charlie, and said, "I believe my time has come; I am going." At that very moment the angel of the Lord called him home.

Surely this man could say with Paul that he had fought a good fight and had kept the faith. At 12:35 a.m. on August 1, 1952, God called home one of the greatest men we have ever had in the Church. Revelation 14:13 is now a reality to Brother Barnett.

The funeral services were held in the Highland Park Church of God in Louisville. The officiating ministers were the Reverend E. W. Carden, of Carmi, Illinois, and the Rev. J. T. Pitts, pastor of the Highland Park Church.—J. T. Pitts, reporter.

## EDBEN

Sister Mary Edben, a charter member of the Linton Church of God passed away in June. Grandma Edben was 91 years old. She was a faithful and good worker for the Lord.—F. B. Hibbard, pastor.

## PARNELL

Mrs. Olga Elgin Parnell, 60, died June 24, 1952, at the Anderson Memorial Hospital. She was a member of the Osborne Ave. Church of God. Mrs. Parnell is survived by 3 children, Rachel, Ethel, and Leroy; 2 brothers; 3 sisters. Her funeral was conducted at the Osborne Ave. Church of God by her pastor, Rev. R. Leonard Carroll, and Rev. Roy Allen.—Mrs. Mildred David, Anderson, S. C.

## WOOLUM

Rev. Elwood Woolum passed away July 28, 1952. He was a faithful member of the Church of God, and was greatly loved by all who knew him. He is survived by his mother and father, 3 brothers, and 2 sisters. His funeral was conducted by his former pastor, Rev. A. H. Tribble, and Rev. R. J. Rathbun.—Mrs. Mary Keith Clark, Van Dyke, Mich.

## THEY CAME OVER INTO GERMANY TO HELP US

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contented people. Through the lovely snow-capped Alps we wound our way, marveling at each turn of the road as some new scene unfolded itself. Sometimes it was a tiny blue lake sitting peacefully amid the mountains a little girl driving her goats, or a distant fruitful valley. At last this gave way to dry rolling hills and finally flat dry terrain, and we were in Italy.

The heat scorched down upon us, and we could easily sympathize with the people who were out early in the morning sipping something cold, or cooling under great straw-shaded verandas. Many of the people dressed quite primitively, and the straight houses, without a garden or even a single tree, made the sight at times cheerless. You could forget the drab, colorless sights, though, when you

turned around a bend in the road, and there ahead lay the Mediterranean Sea sparkling and blue and making white foam as it beat against the rocks, and as you saw the knarled olive trees with their silver green leaves.

Rome was not very interesting until you saw it properly. We looked at fallen rotting buildings, and they had no meaning at all to us, but when we learned that Paul had once been imprisoned there, that Christians were fed to the lions in another, that Brutus stabbed Caesar in one, then your interest became acutely sharpened.

We became awed in the beautiful temple in the Vatican where one loses all proportions and dimensions in its bigness and beauty. We became horrified in a dungeon where human bones had been fastened in delicate designs all over the walls by an imprisoned monk in some bygone day. I believe all of us thought at that time about what would have taken place

had the resurrection occurred. We became sympathetic as we visited the catacombs where our beloved martyrs hid away to worship God and buried their dead where prying enemies couldn't destroy their graves. We became impatient as we watched three poor souls climb a great flight of steps on their knees, bending and kissing and praying a prayer over each step. We became thoughtful as we looked down into the arena where sinful men and women had satisfied their lust for blood by throwing Christ-loving men and women to be eaten by lions and wild beasts. But, thank God, we became triumphant as we looked up the long flight of steps where Martin Luther heard a voice from heaven say, "The just shall live by faith."

We took several meals and spent one night at the Assembly of God headquarters in Rome. We were treated very cordially and enjoyed good fellowship with the brethren there.

No matter how we wished to delay it, the time came to say good-bye to our dear brothers. It was with saddened hearts that we parted, but we do look forward to seeing them all again sometime.

Through the years, many, many ministers, and other friends have visited our work in Germany, many from other faith and denominations, and we welcomed them and received many blessings from their services. But I must say that there was a oneness, a love, and a fellowship with Brothers Walker, Hughes, and O'Hara of which we were all aware. We have heard many good messages in the past but none that surpassed the ones they delivered while here. All of us are so proud that the Church of God has such men. They have plowed deep furrows in Germany that will bring an abundant yield. Through this visit and these wonderful messages and good fellowship our pride has become even greater in the Church of God. We know that here, as well as in America, the devil is out to destroy it, but even as I realize that with my mind, my heart says to me, "Upon this rock will I build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

## NOTICE

All ministers, friends, and singers are invited to an all day service and rededicating of the Grapefield, Virginia, Church of God September 21.—Rev. M. T. Lankford, pastor.



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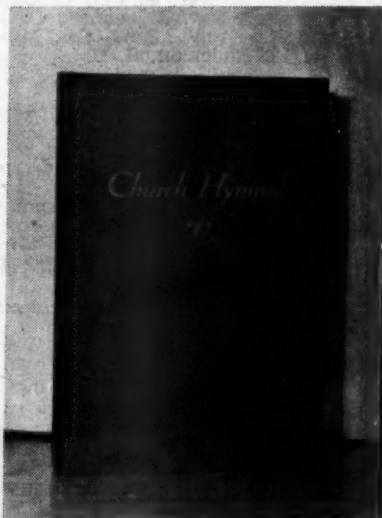
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